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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Robert Dale Haun	)	
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Serial No.:	10/041,832	)	Group Art Unit: 3618
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Filed:	October 19, 2001	)	Examiner: Christopher Bottorff
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For:	Hinge Assembly for Utility	)	
	Vehicle Hood	)	

## AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of June 17, 2003. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 7-10 and objected to claim 6.

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) For a tractor equipped with a loader bucket, a  
A hinge assembly for hinging a tractor hood on a ~~utility vehicle~~ tractor body so as  
to enable the hood to open upwardly and backwardly from the front end of the  
~~utility vehicle~~ tractor, the hinge assembly comprising a double-rocker, four-link  
mechanism, including a bracket comprising one link, the bracket being mounted  
to an underside of the tractor hood, near a back end of the tractor hood.